

AN ACT concerning lobbyists.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Lobbyist Registration Act is amended by
changing Sections 6 and 6.5 as follows:

(25 ILCS 170/6) (from Ch. 63, par. 176)

Sec. 6. Reports.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, every person required to register as prescribed in Section 3 shall report under oath to the Secretary of State all expenditures for lobbying made or incurred by the lobbyist on his behalf or the behalf of his employer. In the case where an individual is solely employed by another person to perform job related functions any part of which includes lobbying, the employer shall be responsible for reporting all lobbying expenditures incurred on the employer's behalf as shall be identified by the lobbyist to the employer preceding such report. Persons who contract with another person to perform lobbying activities shall be responsible for reporting all lobbying expenditures incurred on the employer's behalf. Any additional lobbying expenses incurred by the employer which are separate and apart from those incurred by the contractual employee shall be reported by the employer.

(b) The report shall itemize each individual expenditure or transaction over \$100 and shall include the name of the official on whose behalf the expenditure was made, the name of the client on whose behalf the expenditure was made, the total amount of the expenditure, the date on which the expenditure occurred and the subject matter of the lobbying activity, if any.

Expenditures attributable to lobbying officials shall be

listed and reported according to the following categories:

- (1) travel and lodging on behalf of others.
- (2) meals, beverages and other entertainment.
- (3) gifts.
- (4) honoraria.

Individual expenditures required to be reported as described herein which are equal to or less than \$100 in value need not be itemized but are required to be categorized and reported by officials in an aggregate total in a manner prescribed by rule of the Secretary of State.

Expenditures incurred for hosting receptions, benefits and other large gatherings held for purposes of goodwill or otherwise to influence executive, legislative or administrative action to which there are 25 or more State officials invited shall be reported listing only the total amount of the expenditure, the date of the event, and the estimated number of officials in attendance.

Each individual expenditure required to be reported shall include all expenses made for or on behalf of State officials and members of the immediate family of those persons.

The category travel and lodging includes, but is not limited to, all travel and living accommodations made for or on behalf of State officials in the capital during sessions of the General Assembly.

Reasonable and bona fide expenditures made by the registrant who is a member of a legislative or State study commission or committee while attending and participating in meetings and hearings of such commission or committee need not be reported.

Reasonable and bona fide expenditures made by the registrant for personal sustenance, lodging, travel, office expenses and clerical or support staff need not be reported.

Salaries, fees, and other compensation paid to the registrant for the purposes of lobbying need not be reported.

Any contributions required to be reported under Article 9 of the Election Code need not be reported.

Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, gifts and honoraria returned or reimbursed to the registrant within 30 days of the date of receipt shall need not be reported.

A gift or honorarium returned or reimbursed to the registrant within 10 days after the official receives a copy of a report pursuant to Section 6.5 shall not be included in the final report unless the registrant informed the official, contemporaneously with the receipt of the gift or honorarium, that such gift or honorarium is a reportable expenditure pursuant to this Act.

(c) Reports under this Section shall be filed by July 31, for expenditures from the previous January 1 through the later of June 30 or the final day of the regular General Assembly session, and by January 31, for expenditures from the entire previous calendar year.

Registrants who made no reportable expenditures during a reporting period shall file a report stating that no expenditures were incurred. Such reports shall be filed in accordance with the deadlines as prescribed in this subsection.

A registrant who terminates employment or duties which required him to register under this Act shall give the Secretary of State, within 30 days after the date of such termination, written notice of such termination and shall include therewith a report of the expenditures described herein, covering the period of time since the filing of his last report to the date of termination of employment. Such notice and report shall be final and relieve such registrant of further reporting under this Act, unless and until he later takes employment or assumes duties requiring him to again register under this Act.

(d) Failure to file any such report within the time

designated or the reporting of incomplete information shall constitute a violation of this Act.

A registrant shall preserve for a period of 2 years all receipts and records used in preparing reports under this Act.

(e) Within 30 days after a filing deadline, the lobbyist shall notify each official on whose behalf an expenditure has been reported. Notification shall include the name of the registrant, the total amount of the expenditure, the date on which the expenditure occurred, and the subject matter of the lobbying activity.

(Source: P.A. 90-78, eff. 1-1-98.)

(25 ILCS 170/6.5)

Sec. 6.5. Response to report by official.

(a) Every person required to register as prescribed in Section 3 and required to file a report with the Secretary of State as prescribed in Section 6 shall, at least 25 days before ~~the deadline for~~ filing the report, provide a copy of the report to each official listed in the report by first class mail or hand delivery. An official may, within 10 days after receiving the copy of the report, provide written objections to the report by first class mail or hand delivery to the person required to file the report. If those written objections conflict with the final report that is filed, the written objections shall be filed along with the report.

(b) Failure to provide a copy of the report to an official listed in the report within the time designated in this Section is a violation of this Act.

(Source: P.A. 90-737, eff. 1-1-99.)